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C O N F I D E N T I A L BRASILIA 852

CNO FOR OP63

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: BMOP BR

SUBJECT: BRAZILIAN NAVY AAW FRIGATE

REF: STATE 6640

1. FOLLOWING INFORMATION HAS BEEN PROVIDED BY USMILGP,
RIO, IN RESPONSE REFTEL:

2. INFO COPY OF TODD SHIPBUILDING CO. PROPOSAL (LESS
FINANCIAL CONCEPT CITED REFTEL) HAS BEEN RECEIVED.
CHIEF NAVY SECTION EVALUATION IS THAT TODD PROPOSAL
DEFICIENT IN THAT CO-PRODUCTION NOT ADDRESSED. BRAZNAV
INTENDS TO MAINTAIN CONTINUAL NEW CONSTRUCTION WORKLOAD
AT NAVAL SHIPYARD RIO. CURRENT IN-COUNTRY CONSTRUCTION
OF TWO MK 10 FRIGATES BASICALLY ON SCHEDULE WITH PRODUCTION
LOAD COMMENCING TO DECREASE IN STRUCTURAL AND HULL SHOPS.
PLANNED CONSTRUCTION OF FOUR LCU 1646 CLASS AT COMMERCIAL
YARDS HAS BEEN RE-PROGRAMMED FOR NAVAL SHIPYARD IN ORDER
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TO MAINTAIN NEW CONSTRUCTION WORKLOAD. STRONGLY RECOMMEND

TODD SHIPBUILDING BE ADVISED TO SUBMIT PROPOSAL AMENDMENT
TO PROVIDE FOR CO-PRODUCTION.

3. BRAZNAV NEGOTIATIONS WITH VOSPER STALEMATED DUE
WIDE UNIT PRICE VARIANCE (U.S. \$34M.) BRAZNAV CHIEF OF
NAVY MATERIAL HAS ADVISED THAT PREVIOUS EARLY 74 TARGET
DATE FOR CONTRACT FINALIZATION HAS BEEN RESCHEDULED.
PROBABLE THAT NO ACTION WILL BE TAKEN UNTIL SOMETIME AFTER
MARCH 74 CHANGE OF GOVERNMENT. BRAZNAV CHIEF OF NAVY
MATERIAL WILL ATTEND LAUNCHING FIRST MK 10 FRIGATE IN
ENGLAND EARLY FEB 74. BASED ON CONCERN VOSPER TO MEET
OVERALL DELIVERY SCHEDULES DUE REDUCED WORK WEEK IN ENGLAND,
HE INTENDS PROPOSE THAT CONSTRUCTION OF THE FOURTH AND
LAST VOSPER YARD-BUILT MK 10 BE TRANSFERRED TO THE BRAZILIAN
NAVAL SHIPYARD. KEEL LAYING OF THIS SHIP SCHEDULED FOR
OCT. 74. PROPOSED CONSTRUCTION TRANSFER WOULD SERVE
ADDITIONAL ADVANTAGE OF MAINTAINING BRAZNAV
SHIPYARD NEW CONSTRUCTION WORKLOAD.

4. RECENT U.S. RELEASE OF STANDARD AND HARPOON MISSILE
SYSTEMS HAS GENERATED CONSIDERABLE BRAZNAV INTEREST AND
WILL UNDOUBTEDLY RESULT IN RE-ASSIGNMENT OF U.S. ORIGINATED
SHIP DESIGN PROPOSALS. UPDATE RECENTLY PROVIDED TO
BRAZILIAN NAVY FOR PREVIOUSLY PROVIDED USN PF PROGRAM
DATA.

5. WILL FURTHER ADVISE.
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